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that. I don't really believe that that person with a \$250,000 home needs that exemption or really would concern it, would concern him. I guess the \$17 million also concerns me because I don't know where it's coming from especially in the fact that we are not as affluent in Nebraska as we thought we were. That's something else that I noticed in Senator Newell's handout here which probably pertains to another bill that's coming up more than it does to this one but I'd like to draw your attention to it. If you'll notice that New Jersey is fourth in taxes of \$505.99 for per capita and they've got gambling in New Jersey to pay their taxes supposedly. You might want to remember that. Wyoming, where they have a lot of coal, is third in taxes on property. They're \$513.04. I think if you want to give tax relief it should be done in a different manner than this because it, it helps, it doesn't help the ones that need it most. I guess that's the end of my talk.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a question or two of Senator Newell, if he'd yield, please.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR FENGER: Senator Newell, while you're getting down to the mike, if you explained the method of distribution of this money to the homeowners, I'm sorry I missed it. Would you give us a brief explanation as to, in fact, how this money is going to be distributed?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I will. Very simply, what will happen is this. The money will be distributed to the local county boards to be distributed just the same way as the old homestead exemption was, the local counties to be distributed to the local subdivisions based on the equivalence of what they would have raised had they taxed the first \$3,000 of valuation.

SENATOR FENGER: Then we will, in effect, be sending a check to the county for distribution to the political subdivisions for an amount equal to as opposed to a direct contribution